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V CORPS' MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE GETS NEW COMMANDER IN MANNHEIM CEREMONY

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MANNHEIM, Germany — The former deputy provost marshal for U.S. Army Europe assumed command of V Corps' 18th Military Police Brigade in a change-of-command ceremony at Coleman Barracks Annex here July 21.

Col. James B. Brown succeeded Col. Teddy R. Spain, who retired after 26 years of military service to start a second career with the Wackenhut Security Corporation. Spain led the 18th during its year-long deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Brown has served in several leadership positions during his military career, including assignments as commander of the 984th MP Company at Fort Carson, Colo.; executive officer of the Department of Foreign Languages at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and foreign area officer assignment officer at the Army's Personnel Command (now the U.S. Army Human Resources Command) in Washington, D.C.



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Outgoing 18th Military Police Brigade Commander Col. Teddy R. Spain (left), Acting V Corps Commanding General Maj. Gen. Walter Wojdakowski (center) and incoming 18th Commander Col. James B. Brown give a salute during the ceremony in which Brown accepted command of the 18th from Spain at Coleman Barracks Annex in Mannheim, Germany July 21.

He also served as the deputy division provost marshal for the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and as battalion executive officer for the 716th MP Battalion. Both those assignments were at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Brown previously commanded the 18th MP Brigade's 709th MP Battalion in Hanau, Germany from 1999 to 2001 and the battalion's Task Force 709 MP from November 1999 to June 2000 during the battalion's deployment to Kosovo. He then served as the chief of the Combined Arms Training Center at 7th Army Training Command prior to moving to Mannheim as USAREUR's deputy provost marshal.

Brown is a West Point graduate, and also earned a master's degree in national security studies from Georgetown University and the Naval War College. He also graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and attended the Austrian General Staff Course in Vienna, Austria.

His decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Kosovo Service Medal, the NATO Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the German Ehrenkreuz der Bundeswehr Silber, and the Air Assault and Parachutist Badges.

